

REMARKS

The Examiner's careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicants and Applicants' Representative appreciate having the opportunity to interview the case and appreciate the Examiners' assistance in understanding the present rejection and in putting the claims in a better condition for allowance. Amended independent claim 21 and new independent claims 65 and 69 include limitations as suggested by the Examiner to capture patentable differences between the Applicants' invention and the Corson reference as discussed during the interview.

New Claims

New independent claims based on our discussion during the interview. New independent claims 64, 69 and new dependant claims (46-63 and 65-68) have been added.

To assist the Examiner, included is a section citation of the original application for support of each of the new claims. Please note that all paragraph number citations to the original specification refer numbers as they appear in United States Publication Number 2005/0123469.

Claims 46-51 – page 3, paragraph 35

Claims 52 -54, 57 59-62, 64-66, 68, 69 - page 5, paragraph 43

Claims 55-56, 58, 67 – page 4, paragraph 40

Claim 63 – page 3, paragraph 36

Entry of the amended and new claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Rejection of claim 45 is moot in light of the present amendment. All current claims are supported by the specification. Therefore, removal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) over Corson.

Applicant has amended claim 21 such that it is patentable over Corson as indicated by the Examiner during the interview on September 4, 2007. Therefore, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) over Corson in view of Subramanian

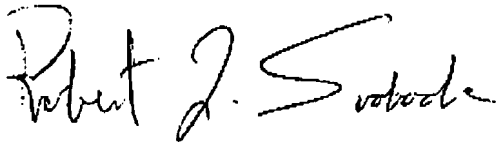
The rejection above is moot in light of the present amendment. Therefore, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) over Corson in view of Elementary principles of chemical processes.

The rejection above is moot in light of the present amendment. Therefore, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and respectfully submit that the application stands in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully asked to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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